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Evaluating Websites

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Unit Topic: The Politics of Shakespeare

Subject Area: Language Arts

Grade Level: 9

Website: No Sweat Shakespeare

URL: http://www.nosweatshakespeare.com/teachers.htm

Type of website domain (.gov, .edu,. .org, .com): .com

Effect of source domain on accuracy of content: While the depth of the site itself is somewhat lacking, it offers a comprehensive resources page with direct links to a number of valuable specific topics. The site has a very useful Shakespeare timeline (how old he was when he wrote his plays and other important dates in his life) as well as a great biography written in student-friendly terms.

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Website: Mr. William Shakespeare and the Internet

URL: http://shakespeare.palomar.edu/

Type of website domain (.gov, .edu,. .org, .com): .edu

Effect of source domain on accuracy of content: The depth of this site is almost unfathomable, but it is actually very user friendly. It offers its own analyses of each play but also has no less than 5 links to other extensive study guides for almost every play Shakespeare has ever written. This site is a self-titled Shakespeare “mega-site” and lives up to its name by having information on the site that is hard to find elsewhere. If you click on Romeo & Juliet’s summary you are able to click on each act and it pulls up a visual that corresponds with the act. While not the most snazzy looking site, it engages visual and analytic learners.

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Website: Interactive Folio: Romeo & Juliet

Type of website domain (.gov, .edu,. .org, .com): .ca

URL: http://www.canadianshakespeares.ca/folio/folio.html

Effect of source domain on accuracy of content: This website is the most useful, current, and comprehensive that I found. It has an incredibly sleek design and the amount of information it has specifically for Romeo & Juliet is amazing. If for instance you pull up Act 1 Scene 1, you can click on any number of highlighted words which leads you to one of the following: the explanation of the word, resources, video, audio, or image. On the left hand side you can at any time look at: dramatic personae, plot summary, facts, sources, and interviews.

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